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AS PART OF READ-OUT BY DANES OFFER EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING, FOLLOWING PAPER ON MARINE POLLUTION WAS GIVEN US:

QUOTE

MARINE POLLUTION

AFTER HEARING A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE RUNNING AGROUND OF AN OIL TANKER ON THE FRENCH COAST, AND BEARING IN MIND THE MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN AND THE PROPOSALS ALREADY PUT FORWARD BY THE COMMISSION AND BY SOME MEMBERS STATES CONCERNING THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION AND THE IMPOSITION OF MINIMUM STANDARDS ON SHIPS, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 1. CONSIDERS THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD MAKE THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF MARINE POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY FROM HYDROCARBONS, A MAJOR OBJECTIVE,
- 2. CONSEQUENTLY INVITES THE COUNCIL, ACTING ON PROPOSALS FROM THE COMMISSION, AND THE MEMBER STATES FORTHWITH TO TAKE APPROPRIATE

MEASURES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO ADOPT COMMON ATTITUDES IN THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES CONCERNING IN PARTICULAR:

A(A) THE SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL RULES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE REGARDING MINIMUM STANDARS FOR THE OPERATION OF SHIPS:

(B) THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS THROUGH CO-ORDINATED ACTION BY THE MEMBER STATES

- WITH REGARD TO A SATISFACTORY FUNCTIONING OF THE SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SHIPPING LANES,
- AND WITH REGARD TO MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER VESSELS WHICH DO NOT MEET THE STANDARDS;
- (C) THE SEARCH FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT POLLUTION.

UNOUOTE

COMMENT: DANES SAID THIS WAS FRENCH SUGGESTION, WHICH COUNCIL AGREED TO UNANIMOUSLY. SPECIAL WORKING GROUP WILL BE SET UP TO COORDINATE PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES. THESE PROPOSALS WILL THEN BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. DEAN

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